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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5426

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TAGS: CDES (MERRILL, RICHARD)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF RICHARD MERRILL

MRS. P.M. DE AZEVEDO

11 MARINERS LANE

MARBLEHEAD, MASS. 09145

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR NEPHEW, RICHARD MERRILL. THE MILITARY HOSPITAL AT LANDSTUHL, GERMANY, INFORMED AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, FRANKFURT AM MAIN, GERMANY, ON SEPTEMBER 8 OF HIS DEATH AT SAID HOSPITAL ON SEPTEMBER 8. HOSPITAL MUST PERFORM AUTOPSY TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF DEATH AND THEREFORE REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION FROM NEXT OF KIN. IF YOU ARE NEXT OF KIN KINDLY TELEGRAPH YOUR AUTHORIZATION OR IF NOT HAVE NEXT OF KIN CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY.

2. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU OR THE NEXT OF KIN WISH TO HAVE MR. MERRILL' REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SHIPMENT, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO DOVER, DELAWARE VIA U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES DESIRED THE COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$800. THE CHARGES FOR EMBALMING ARE ENCLUDED. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT REMAINS TO U.S. WOULD COST \$750. COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$900. COST OF LOCAL BURIAL OF REMAINS IS \$1000. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

3. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING
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(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, FRANKFURT AM MAIN, GERMANY, AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS CHANNELS TO FRANKFURT AM MAIN, GERMANY, PAYABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL.

4. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH

PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

5. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THIS CONSULATE GENERAL BY PHONE AT (0611) - 74 00 71, EXT. 212

6. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
AMCONSUL
FRANKFURT AM MAIN, GERMANY. LEHMANN

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